



African Traditional Worship

God's divine word revealed through ancestral and spiritual deiti

Ashanti History!



Most of the present infrastructure in the major cities, especially Kumasi was inherited from the colonial period slave trade almost half a century now, sole water managing teams and the municipal government seems not to have the answer to providing adequate drinking water. Nana Abass is not waiting, he is also a philanthropists and not afraid of hard work.

See Nana here constructing a water dam for a town called kumawu in the Ashanti region of Ghana with his own manpower and resources.



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The Ashante kingdom was founded by the great king Osei Tutu the 18th century. His traditional priest was Okomfo Anokye, who unified the Ashanti states through allegiance to the **Golden Stool**, which miraculously descended from heaven. Okomfo Anokye planted two trees in the forest and predicted that one tree would live and become the capital of Ashanti (the tree lived); the other tree was planted in Kumawu. Although located in the heart of the forest, Asante dominion was extended by military action and political skill directed towards the European occupied castles on the coast to the south, and also into the dry Savannah lands to the north. This led to various wars with Britain, Kumasi was captured by the Britain army in 1873; as a result, much of the stolen Asante gold can be seen in London and in the British Museum.

It is said that during the 17th century the traditional priest "Okonfo Anokye" conjured the famous (**Golden Stool**) from the sky and landed it on the lap of King Osie Tutu, the King of the Ashanti. The Traditional Priest declared that the soul of the new nation resided in the stool and the people must preserve and respect it, the safety of this **Great Stool** which united the Ashanti Kingdom has however been fought for on certain occasions.

In March 1900, a governor of the European rulers in the Gold Coast demanded that the Ashanti's bring the **stool** for him to sit upon, his demand was rejected and War broke out between the Ashanti and the British. The Supreme Commander in this war was a brave and intelligent Ashanti woman Called Yaa Asantewaa the Great, she pleaded with the elders and king and encouraged her people it fight and helped the Ashanti remain the Great Nation they are today.

The "**Golden stool**" is like the ark of the covenant for the Ashanti People.

This **Golden Stool** is never allowed to touch the ground. When a new Ashanti king is installed, he is merely lowered and raised over it three times without touching it. Then the **Golden stool** is taken out on special occasions, the Asantehene follows it. The Ashantis have never lost the **Golden Stool** and it serves as a enduring symbol of the culture. Tradition has it that, this **stool** contained the spirit of the Asante people.

On the advice of the Tradition Priest.... like Nana Abass. When established that the great annual festival called Akwasidae or (Odwira), on this occasion of the festival, all the Asante kings assemble at Kumasi and renew their allegiance to the **Golden Stool** and their loyalty to the Asantehene.

